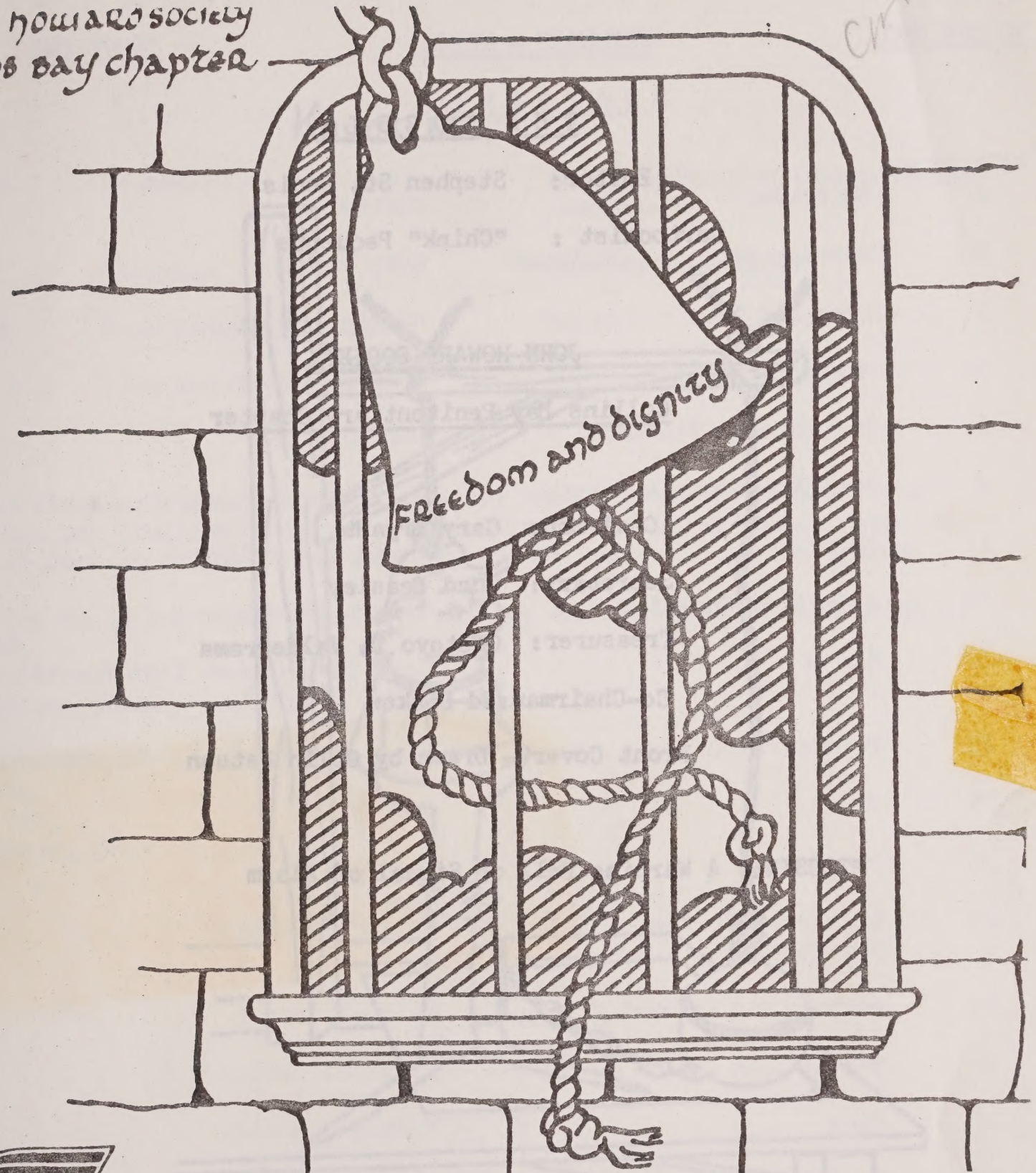


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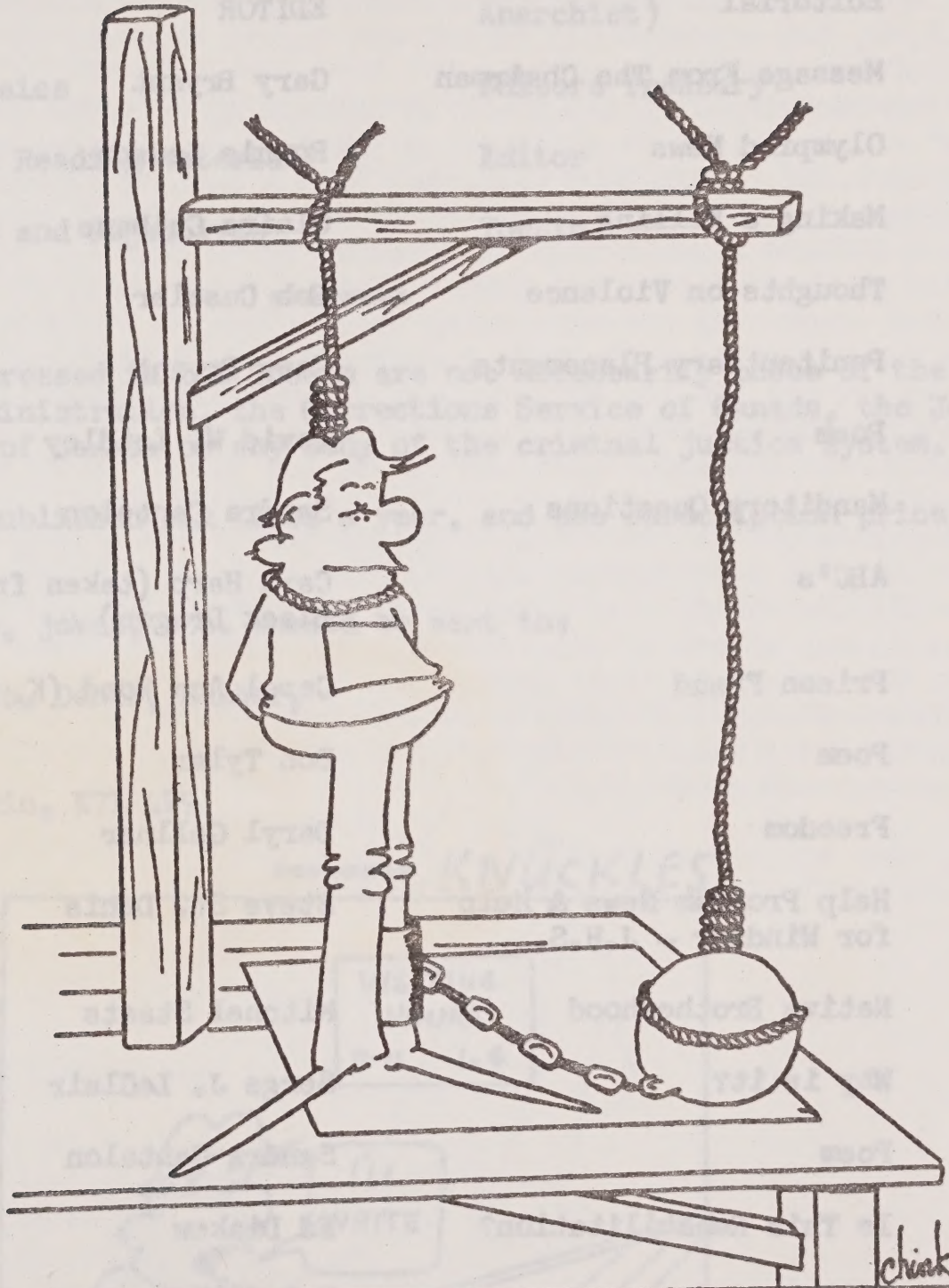
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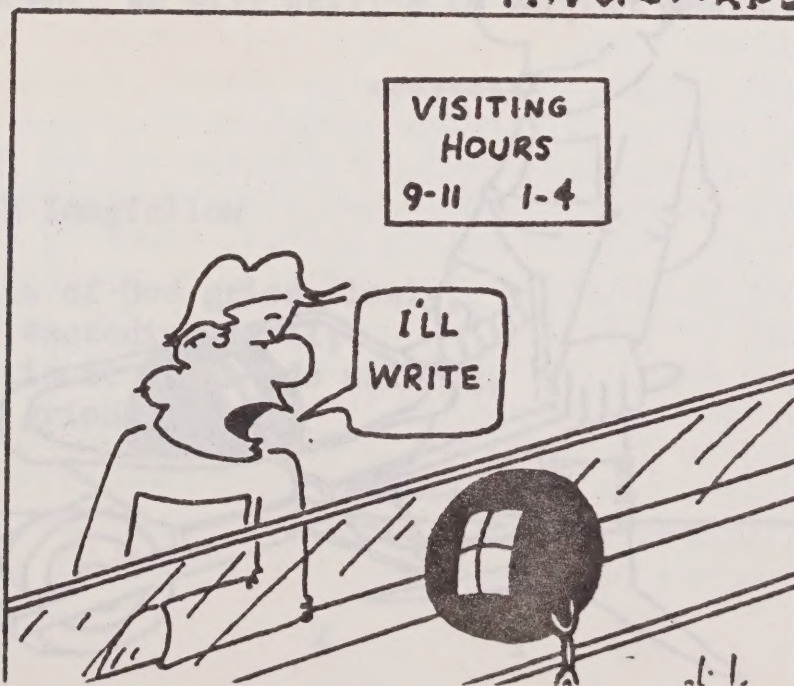
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## EDITORIAL

The Escorted Temporary Absence program in Collins Bay Penitentiary has not been effective for the prisoners here because of 'Political Moves' carried out by the administration, indirectly Robert Kaplan!

At this point in time there are numerous men who have been granted E.T.A.'s, but consequently cannot get anyone to carry out the Escort-part of the deal.

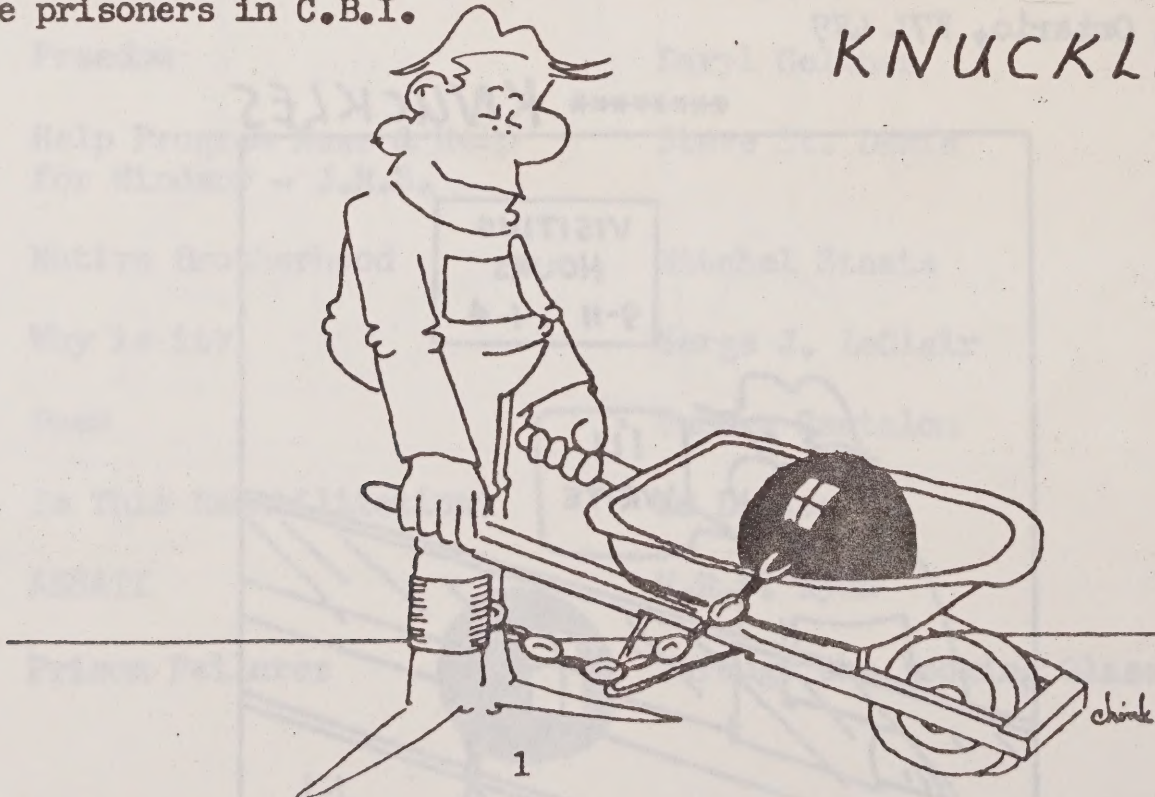
A few months prior, there was an unlawfully at large charge laid on "one" of the prisoners while on an E.T.A. pass with one of the guards here in C.B.I. Since then there has been a total calapse. The administration charged the officer with an invisible mark on his record, along with a \$300.00 visible fine! His record up to date was 75 & 0!

This squeeze play by the administration (their boss is Kaplan!) has sparked rumours of pressure being applied to the "Volunteer Program" that has initiated around the Penetentiaries in Kingston. These good people are not 'Police Officers'-or a surveillance team that snaps to attention whenever the C.S.C. needs bailing out! They can't be expected to take over a program that was run by the C.S.C. which has a budget of 500 million dollars.

Organizations like the J.H.S. Kingston and the Help program have their hands full of work dealing with helping prisoners. Surely the C.S.C. with all that money they were paying the guards 'overtime' during the E.T.A.'s-can afford to play Security and carry out their end of the bargain. Who runs this 'Zoo' anyway the Chiefs or the Indians?

I think personally that the C.S.C. should iron out their differences-so that a very viable needed program can carry on for the rehabilitation of the prisoners in C.B.I.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Who Cares? We Care! by Gary Bryant

It has come to our attention here at Collins Bay, that in or around the month of February, Miss Joyce Lawson was dismissed from her job with Operation Springboard.

Miss Lawson has probably done more for inmates, inmates wives and families and friends than any person or persons who are involved with Operation Springboard.

Not that we don't appreciate Springboards intentions or the job that they have done in the past, but to think that some lame brain could actually run her out of a job over a personal matter without even consideration for the job that she has done over the past four and a half years is a total discredit to the whole Springboard Operation and its functions. The person responsible must truly be dealing with a short deck or a deranged mind. JOYCE LAWSON is OPERATION SPRINGBOARD!

On March 1st, 1982, I wrote to the Board of Directors of Operation Springboard; the date now is March 19, 1982, and I have still no reply. My letter was one of a protestant nature in relation to Miss Lawson's dismissal. It has become evident that when one speaks of truth, there are not too many to face it. If anyone was to believe that Joyce was doing a poor job with Springboard, then I can't believe that she would be in the position that she was for that length of time.

"JOYCE"

It is not Operation Springboard that needs you, it is us the inmates, our families and friends. A person of your characteristics, intelligence, charm and basically your golden heart can not be brought down. Please do, keep involved and most definitely stay in touch.

We stand behind you ninety-nine and two thirds percent. The remaining one-third per-cent, we will utilize to support whats left of the Operation Springboard.

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### RETRIBUTION

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Though the mills of God grind slowly,  
Yet they grind exceeding small;  
Though with patience he stands waiting,  
With exactness grinds he all.

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## EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE'S OLYMPIAD

I would like first to take the opportunity to thank all persons involved in last years 5th "Exceptional People's Olympiad". It is ironic that such heartfelt beauty and meaning is found behind prison walls. It has had a dramatic effect on my life and I consider it an honor being elected as the Co-ordinator of this years 6th "Exceptional People's Olympiad".

In extending a warm welcome to all, I look forward with great enthusiasm to working towards a common good that will inspire the continuation of the "Exceptional People's Olympiad" and its spirit.

The number one priority of the Olympiad is to provide the developmentally handicapped with a weekend of unique Olympic style games, that allows participation by athletes who are not normally qualified for any other type of games in Canada. The Inmates promote the plight of the developmentally handicapped to the Canadian Society and they urge the community to support these often neglected people not only during the Olympiad but also throughout the year. A secondary promotion is aimed towards the community by letting the community know a little more about Inmates, and the business community in terms of the talent existing behind prison walls for future reference for employment opportunity.

In no way are the Inmates promoting the Correctional Service of Canada. However, the Inmates publicly acknowledge the administration at both the local and regional levels for their cooperation in allowing the Inmates of Collins Bay the opportunity to provide the machine which makes the Olympiad possible. As a result of the creativity of the Inmate population of Collins Bay the Correctional Services of Canada are indirectly promoted.

No grant from the government was extended to or for the Olympiad. Since the Olympiad receives no funding from the government of the Correctional Service of Canada we are not obliged to any commitments to them. All funds were and are derived through Inmates, Inmate contacts, community support, General Private Co-sponsors and Personal donations.

Due to the fact that the "Exceptional People's Olympiad" is a charitable organization with a tax exemption number, the Executive Committee must abide by the stipulations of their Constitution and therefore they have an Honorary Chairman and Honorary Secretary outside the prison walls. These positions are filled by persons who have assisted the Olympiad Committee in the past, they have no decision making powers. Honorary Chairman, Terry Tait, a local lawyer in Kingston, assisted in the documentation of the legal incorporation of the charitable organization. The Honorary Treasurer, Tersa Tait, past editor of Kingston this Week, assisted in the promotion as well as the outside banking for the car raffle. The Tait's are in no way connected to the Correctional Services of Canada.

There are many concerned members of the outside community who give of their time and labour wholeheartly in support of this special event. In most cases weeks and months of preparation are devoted by these persons



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which do the work we as prisoners cannot do because of our imprisonment. In addition there are also a number ex-prisoners who continue to be involved after their release. These people have our admiration, esteem and respect, without their interest we would not be able to preform on the scale presently attained.

For the benifit of those who know little or nothing about the Olympiad, I am providing the following information: The Inmate population of Collins Bay Penitentiary is deeply involved and committed to the "Exceptional People's Olympiad". We rely on their support which is made clear by this brief synopsis.

Each year an Executive Committee is elected from the prison population in accordance to the Official Olympiad Constitution. The Executive Committee completely runs and organizes the various requirements needed to stage the Olympiad. This year's Executive Committee members are:

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. Ronnie Lauzon-Co-ordinator | Mr. Serge LeClair-Advisor         |
| Mr. Gary McNamara-Secretary    | Mr. Gary Bryant -Contingency Plan |
| Mr. Yvon Roy -Treasurer        | Co-ordinator                      |
|                                | Mr. Jim Scott -Staff Writer       |

The Olympiad is a total Inmate population involvement: I.E. #1, All physical labour done last year for the new track, podium, painting, booths, and ground work was completely done by Inmate labour.

I.E. #2

From the main Inmate body the following positions were filled for the Olympiad, 135 Godbrothers, 30 Food Preparers, 30 Crowd Controllers, 15 Sport Clinic Members, 20 Game Masters, 20 Refreshment Servers and 12 team Captains.

I.E. #3

Also many Inmates served as general labourers such as a Stage Crew, a Yard Crew, Runners, Electricians, Sign Painters, Inmates from the Electronics Shop, Silk Screen Printers and various Inmates serving in the Odd Job Department.

I.E. #4

Members from the 10 Plus Group in the Prison for Women helped out by making clown outfits, sewing on 800 labels of the Olympiad logo on the baseball caps given out and 4 members from the 10 Plus Group gave assistance to the female participants in using the washroom facilities at the event.

I must reiterate the fact that all the work involved within the prison walls was completely implemented and executed by Inmate Labour. The same will be true of this year's Olympiad, past years and all future years.

Anyone interested in the "Exceptional People's Olympiad" is urged to contact us for whatever reason. Thank-you for your time and concern.

Ronnie Lauzon



## MAKING A KILLING

### Child Killer and the R.C.M.P.

In the public enquiry which is now being called for the \$100,000 payment to Clifford Olson, convicted murderer of eleven children we must also examine a prison and police system which depends on its informers.

Just who are the 'whole bunch of people...involved' who Crown Prosecutor John Hall admits had to be considered when he personally agreed to the police payment? (Province, Jan. 15)

Do they include the warden at the B.C. Pen in '74 when Olson repeatedly raped a 17 year old prisoner but was never formally charged and the information was removed from his file in return for his duties as an informer? Or the Nova Scotia police who 'refused to discuss why Olson was never charged with indecent assault? (Sun. Jan. 14)

Or the Pacific Regional C.S.C. Director Doug MacGregor "who admits Olson never recieved any psychiatric help...we never believed it was needed?"

Or the Toronto police who issued a warrant for his arrest on 2 buggery charges but didn't follow up the letter they sent to the B.C. parole service after they found out charges were dropped? (Sun Jan. 15)

Or prison spokesman Jack Stewart who states that 'there was nothing in Olson's record to indicate that he displayed violent and persistent homosexual behaviour?' (Sun. Jan. 14)

The pattern continues: 'Toronto police protect mobster...who set a bomb that killed a man and injured 4 others but has been granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for testimony and information about organized crime.' (Sun. Nov. 12)

A system that "doesn't lay" or "drops" charges must now accept its share of the responsibility for these victims. This same prison system still has no effective program to help sex offenders.

Please note—this is not to be misconstrued to mean that all prisoners should be judged in this light. The ussue is the justice system and its informers.

How very scrupulous of the B.C. Attorney General and the Federal Solicitor-General to insist on abiding by the \$100,000 payment to Olson. They even insist that the RCMP's word is their bond. But, whenever a deal is made with prisoners holding hostages, and succeed thereby in having the hostages released unharmed, there has never been an instance when the prison officials have not publicly boasted of reneging on the 'deal' since it was made under duress.

I, personally, hope that we can at least extend to the grieving families the assurance that every effort is being made to truly open up the prisons to public surveillance, instead of to the futile internal enquiries and self appointed committees.



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WE CAN NO LONGER AFFORD A PRISON SYSTEM WHICH DEPENDS ON ITS OWN FOUL PAYMENTS TO INFORMERS' BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

-Claire Culhane-

Prisoners' Rights Group, PO Box 82461, N. Burnaby, B.C. V5C 5Z1  
Taken from "Anarchist Black Dragon Issue No. 10 Spring 1982

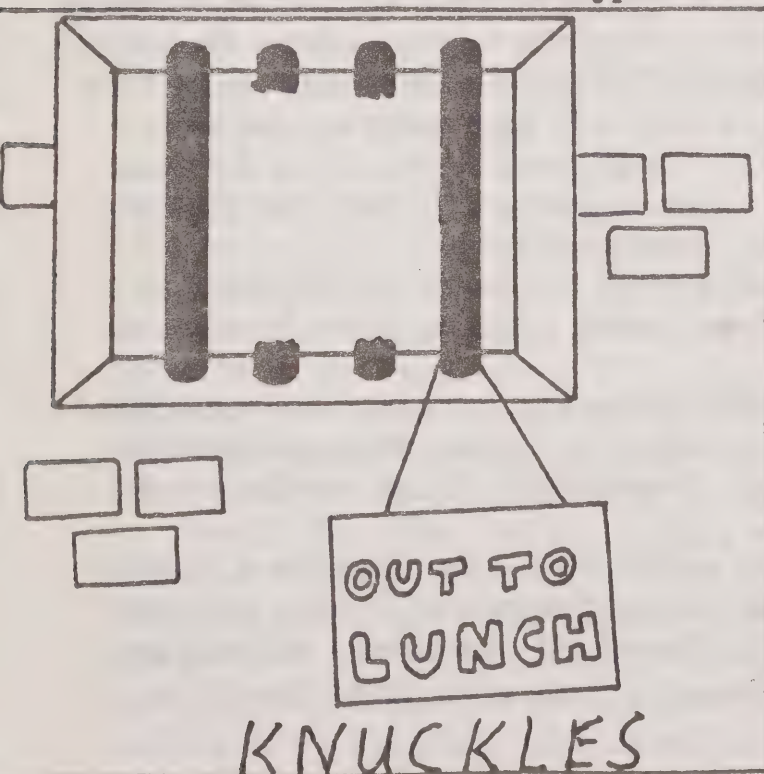
Ironically enough, Claire was barred from the remaining Pacific Regional Federal Pens, (For some reason, the authorities don't like to let her visit prisoners) for publicly stating that "Cliff Olson is obviously a very, very sick man...product of the Canadian penitentiary system...not an aberration, not some rarity...but one of the many whose sickness is not being treated while in prison" (Kingston Whig-Standard 10/6/81)

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### THOUGHTS ON VIOLENCE

by Bob Cussler

As an ex-prisoner, I often find myself in a position where people ask me to explain to them what causes prison violence. I find that I have suddenly become an authority on violence, as far as other people are concerned. This is most unfortunate because I believe that there are no authorities when it comes to understanding violence, and that there are too many people trying to look like they know what they are talking about. It does not strike me odd that a mass producing society, where everything from stereotypes to stereotypes and authorities are over-produced; we should



be attempting to produce theories that are meant to create the illusion of uniformity. The individual means nothing. To admit such a thing as an individual actually exists would totally negate the value of theorists who try to fit human behaviour into blocks of behaviour types. Stereotypes would have to be seen as the product of conditioning and not as people born with innate characteristics.

It never surprises me to see people who assume that prisons are full of people who are too lazy to work and, therefore, attempting to steal the hard earned money of others. A society that promotes competition, achievement, and advancement might be tempted to look at human motivation in these terms, as if to say there is something genetically implanted.



And, why not, it provides them with plausible yet superficial reason for violence that does not demand any uncomfortable journeys beneath the skin. It is all part of the myth that sensual and material gratification are the ultimate urges of humans, which is why it is generally expected that prisoners should be happy because they've finally put themselves in a position to eat free steak at least three times a month! To look past the material—invites disaster, because then we are entering the regions of thought and emotion that worrying about such things as the mortgage, have conveniently displaced. Fortunately, as more and more people are beginning to realize, an explanation for violence based on profit motivations is a foil that will just not suffice any longer. The average armed robber I've met might have stolen between sixty and three hundred dollars. Most of these guys could have made more money doing "a youngsters paper route", so isn't it about time we asked ourselves, "what's really wrong here?" Does that make you uncomfortable?

First of all, violence is a most unpalatable, and unpleasant thing to experience, be it personally—or through the media. We would like to believe it is contained within the given sphere of a certain segment of society as far away as possible. We don't equate our own lifestyles, our mode of education, and our traditional sports as part of the circle of violence. Look around you; did you watch an irate parent slap the spit out of their child's mouth recently? Do you consider this acceptable behaviour? Do you think the neighbour's wife must surely have done something to deserve it when her husband kicked her two weeks before last? Despite all the similarities prison and domestic violence somehow always seem to find themselves classified as two different things—something shady, compared to something disciplinary. No one seems to see violence as human interaction gone wrong, and that it really doesn't matter where it occurs, it is still the same thing. To admit something like that would mean that we would have to acknowledge violence within our own sphere, and not as some distant or alien thing that only "bad" people do. This further implies that it can no longer be ignored or exported to various prisons as commodities which we as a whole—have over produced.

The key to every society and its conditioned patterns of behaviour is very often its socialization and educational system. Here is what a well known writer says about this:

"Though we cover it with various pleasant phrases, we have been educated for various professions within a system which is based on exploitation and acquisitive fear. Such training must eventually bring confusion to ourselves and the world."

Fear and confusion are very important words here. We live in a highly competitive world; competition is taught to us through the very grading system in our schools. Expectations are placed on everybody to achieve "stability" and to conform to a certain mold that will give us all a



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veneer finish. But people are not meant to be mass produced, so all that we very often produce is a confused product that can only "half" respond to conditioning. This leads to a sense of failure and confusion, and confusion leads to anger, which often erupts into violence. Whether we acknowledge our responsibility or not, violence is a cry for help from someone who has been ignored for too long. Can we really discern a difference between domestic and prison violence; is there not a comparison to be drawn between a battered child and a badly beaten prisoner? Generally, violence means to me—that someone's emotional and intellectual system has gone into overload. They can no longer divide and separate all the different variables coming into their head.—It is impossible for them to differentiate between how they are expected to react to a situation and how they really feel. Whenever someone tells me that so and so has "barred" someone because he owed him twenty dollars, or that such and such hit his kid because he came home late, I'm always skeptical. In all the years I spent in prison I never met a person who actually liked hurting anyone. I met a lot of people who pretended to like it, but I always thought they were putting on a show to hide some deeper suffering; some deeper sense of failure to integrate life with happiness. I don't suppose it's any different on the street.

Whenever society has run out of creative solutions for understanding and dealing with violence they throw the person in a prison and deny any responsibility for him or her. And, when this system runs out of creative ideas they throw this person in the hole or even the 'SHU'. To hide the shame and guilt, for once again ignoring a cry for help—their actions are couched behind such words as "dangerous" and phrases like "the protection of the public". Let's look at this a little closer.

If the violent acts of an individual suggest a loss of control, what does it mean when the system is resorting to violence? Does this suggest that it too is out of control, and incapable of understanding all the variables, though its custodians often find themselves in the position of pretending that they know what they are doing? Of course it is our conditioned nature to deny the need for assistance at precisely the moment we need the most help. I've been in the hole and I've seen SHU cells, because I was once on a SHU range that was being used as segregation because the hole was full. Both of these methods of Environmental Control, as they call it, seemed psychologically violent to me. How anyone can justify the existence of a cell; no bigger than an iron broom closet—is beyond me. The bed is bolted to the floor, the sink and toilet are iron, and the windows have metal plates with tiny slits welded over them, so that only the most miniscule rays of sunlight seep their way into the room. The person who finds himself in one of these cells can often count on spending 23½ hours a day locked up tight. This is an example of the 'state' having lost control. Millhaven was built as the end-all solution to



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prison violence; now the 'SHU' is being considered the 'thing' for violence, because Millhaven has proven a failure.

The circle of violence always goes the complete route. The system, or the machine, in its efforts to produce people who conform, produces people who are unable to integrate those parts of themselves that feel violated with happiness. Prisons are full of people who are classed as dangerous — people who are supposedly prone to violence. What in effect is happening here, is that we have created a prison system that has failed to listen to people's cry for help, and which is perpetuating an overall system where no one listens to anyone's cry for help, including its own cry. This should imply that someone better start listening before the people within the system (us) are stifled by the angry ignorance—we ourselves have created. To stand by as idle spectators we are adding to the circle of violence because it gives tacit approval for it to exist.

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### A MOTHER'S LOVE

Washington Irving

A father may turn his back on his child; brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies; husbands may desert their wives, and wives their husbands. But a mother's love endures through all; in good repute, in bad repute, in the face of the world's condemnation, a mother still loves on, and still hopes that her child may turn from his evil ways, and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood, the opening promise of his youth; and she can never be brought to think him all unworthy.

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### PENITENTIARY PLACEMENTS

by Gary Bryant

With the amount of young offenders coming into the federal institutions from various parts of the country on sentences ranging anywhere from three to five years for offences such as Trafficking in Narcotics, B&E, Theft and Robbery, one often wonders what type of assessments are done on them in order for them to end up in places such as Collins Bay and Millhaven, at such a young age.

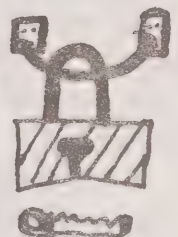
Can these young offenders not be placed in a camp or minimum institution so they are not subjected to view the life styles of prisoners who are considered dangerous, long termers, repeaters and lifers. Certainly the



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environment one lives in, must reflect on them as to changes they may go through in time while serving a sentence in a Federal Institution. The fact that these young men have made their way to jail at such a vital age, is not the argument. It is the fact that the intensions of the Judicial Courts, the Publics and the Governments to rehabilitate these boys is totally being over-looked, and that they are merely being housed in warehouses!

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Some of the young men that end up here haven't really had the chance to form a criminal life and just didn't know better, and wound up in trouble. But here is an adult who has had a great amount of trust placed in him and has decieved the public and the meaning of the law. Yet there is another law for this person altogether.

For people who do not believe that there are two laws, one for the rich and one for the poor, it might be a good idea to follow some of the charges that respectable white collar workers face, and the types of punishment they are subject to if they are found to be at fault or guilty. Too long have people who are placed with responsibilities i.e. lawyers, police, doctors and crown attorney been allowed to deceive the citizens of this country without fear of being found out because of their good name and positions in the community. But until someone stands up and makes it an issue, your children will always be the 'scapegoats' to fill the Federal Institutions.

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I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

-Will Rogers

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OFFICE MAN BLUES

by David W. Laidley

The paper is all stacked  
On my desk in huge mounds  
The coffee is all gone  
And I'm losing some pounds

My hair has turned white  
I've reverted to booze  
I now chew my nails  
I've got the office man blues

My assistant is now sitting  
In my brand new chair  
Everything is in order  
Even his hair

When I am away  
He is in charge  
He thinks he's the ruler  
Now isn't that large

I say one of these days  
I'm gonna quite this here job  
I'll throw away the rules  
And become a slob

I'll grow my hair long  
And be society's child  
I'll turn on to dope  
And become crazy and wild.

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THEORY OF RELATIVITY

From an address to students in Paris  
Albert Einstien

If my theory of relativity is proven successful, Germany will claim me  
as a German and France shall declare that I am a citizen of the world.  
Should my theory prove untrue, France will say that I am a German and  
Germany will declare that I am a Jew.

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## WHEN ARE THE REAL ISSUES ON PRISON REFORM DEBATED

Since our 'ABOLISH MANDATORY SUPERVISION' campaign ended in November, I have been anxiously awaiting its 'Abolition!' Scanning the newspaper for 'The' official announcement, I find only sensational articles linking grizzly murders with mandatory supervision and parole. There have been a few heavily disguised hints that an announcement on changes in Mandatory Supervision is pending at the end of the month. (There are twelve to choose from, so your guess is as good as mine!) I have a research assistant scouring the pages of Hansard, the printed record of House of Commons debates, for information on Mandatory Supervision. The fruits of his labors have been the "pits" rather than any fleshy substance. On February 9, my researcher checked the index of Hansard to discover that there was a question concerning the Correctional Services of Canada. With bated breath, he turned to Question No. 3455 from Tom Cossitt to Robert Kaplan. The question series appears below:

1. In the past two years, how many lots of blank cassette tapes were purchased for inmates at the Millhaven Institution and what was the total number of cassette tapes purchased?

2. How many cassettes were actually issued to student inmates?

3. Did any cassettes end up elsewhere, and if so, where?

To which Kaplan replied:

1. During the past two years (November 19, 1979 to November 19, 1981) one lot of 130 blank cassette tapes were purchased by the academic department at Millhaven for educational purposes.

2. Seventy-one blank cassette tapes were used to record some programmed tapes of the teacher's own making. In turn, all of these tapes have been distributed to inmate students for instruction in their courses. Of the lot 59 cassette tapes still remain unused.

3. No.

Well, another day gone by and still no mention of the new legislation on Mandatory Supervision! But I can't get this particular sparring match out of my head. A number of questions haunt me. First, how do such trivial issues get voiced on the floor of the House of Commons and yet no mention is made of the 1¢ Abolish Mandatory Supervision envelopes received by Svend Robinson or Joe Clark. Second, who is this Tom Cossitt? Who has his ear? Whose axe is being ground? Who has the influence to have this particular matter brought forward, which, in turn, sets Parliament Hill bureaucrats in motion collecting the data from various and sundry C.S.C. departments and institutions. How much money was spent, in phone calls and woman-hours alone, to research this non-issue?

The February 12 record of the Commons Debates has an equally inane questioning series put forth by this same Mr. Cossitt, regarding a stereo system ordered for educational purposes, who authorized the purchase,



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what were these people's records of employment and where was the stereo now? (Question No. 3301, if you want to check your own copy of Hansard). Again, a 4 point well-documented response to the questions indicates thorough research on the part of the Ottawa civil servants. What a waste of time—not only in man-hours but in Commons debating hours! Why aren't real issues, like the injustice, ineffectiveness, and failure of the Mandatory Supervision program, being heard in the House of Commons?

by Sandra Cantelon

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## "MANDATORY SUPERVISION"







# Anarchist ABC

by Carl Harp

- A** is for Anarchy in its most positive sense which is life itself longing only to live...
- B** is for Beautiful. That's something we all are when we're human beings and not robots...
- C** is for the Child in all of us, and for the children all over the world - not to mention those to come...
- D** is for daring. That's what it takes to be free...
- E** is for easy. Easy is how it would be to make right all the wrongs if we all came together...
- F** is for Freedom. Freedom is what we got coming and don't have to wait for or buy...
- G** is for Good. That's what we all are when we break ourselves down to basics...
- H** is for the Humanity in our hearts that we long for in our lives. It only needs to be practiced to be a reality...
- I** is for Inequality. We must do away with all classes to be free of inequality and be equal...
- J** is for Justice. Justice is what no state will ever give us unless a state of mind takes it...



- K** is for Kill Joy. A kill joy is what a ruler, a guard , and a cop are...
- L** is for the Love Life can fill you with...
- M** is for Meaningful Existance. A meaningful existance cannot be had unless we are free of all that holds us back like capitalism does...
- N** is for Nurd. A nurd is someone who believes they need someone to free them...
- O** is for Only. Only you can free yourself especially if you join with others...
- P** is for Prisons. They are places that, in the interest of Justice we must abolish...
- Q** is for Quiet. That's how we get when we know a wrong when we see it. Instead of remaining quiet why not make some noise...
- R** is for Revolution. Revolution is only change and that's something we need in our world and our daily lives...
- S** is for the state and Socialism. All states are anti-social except a state of mind that practices in word and deed it's revolutionary thought. And socialism is what will replace capitalism, and the need for states that are anti-social...
- T** is for Truth, the foundation of all justice. The truth is we are all slaves and will remain slaves until we break the chains around our necks...



**U** is for Unity. Unity is the main weapon of struggle for we are only as powerful as we are together...

**V** is for the Victory we shall achieve if we come together...

**W** is for the World. The world is our country in reality. So why all the borders?

**X** is a hard thing to define like how will the future be is a hard question to answer, but unless we practice the future today we'll never know...

**Y** is for You. And you are beautiful when you want to be...

**Z** is for the Zoo. The zoo is a place we'd like to be rather than be bored to death on a factory line all day long, five days a week, for nothing in reality...

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'PROGRESSIVENESS' OF PRISONS IS SELF-DECEPTION OR FRAUD  
by Carol Ann Wood

On Aug. 2, I listened to a discussion on a local radio station between the area director of communications for prisons, Dennis Curtis, and a probation officer from London, England. I must say that I am once again torn between the conviction that the Canadian Penitentiary Service is either practicing self-deception or outright fraud.

First, I am aghast that Mr. Curtis would cite, for purposes of domestic and international propaganda. The "progressiveness" of Canadian penal policy as evidenced by the small size and modernity of our federal penal institutions. The entire trend to more and smaller prisons is a political red herring, and a most blatant example of the shallow, tinkering nature of Canadian penal policy which acts to mystify the fundamental futility of incarceration.

Whether prisons are two centuries old and house 1800 prisoners, as in Britain, or sparkling-new, housing 180 prisoners and offering many "programs", the fact remains that humans are housed in them for challenging the capitalist system of individual ownership—from the street (as opposes to from the office).

By the very condition of incarceration, individuals are subject to a multiplicity of deprivations—social, employment-related, familial, economic, sexual, psychological, etc. This fact is not altered by the size or age of the cage. Mr. Curtis assumes that a prisoners' participation in his social improvement is more successful in smaller, newer institutions. The assumption is proven inaccurate and meaningless by the fact that in new and old prisons alike, constructive activity is rendered impossible by the overpowering custodial ethic of prison authorities.

Second, prison programs, if more numerous and strong in the new institutions, fail utterly to address the causes of the social dissatisfaction which spawn the acts for which people are incarcerated. Crime is a political act, and it is social stratification grossly unequal distribution of resources, racism, sexism, and exploitation of labor which must be addressed in a revolutionary way if crime is ever to be reduced. Prison programs refer only to the symptoms of social dissatisfaction rather than the causes, and do so incredibly ineffectively even at that. The bottom line is that the reform/tinkering ethic is a wholly inadequate penal policy, and it is this which the new Canadian prisons encompass to no less degree than the dungeons which preceded them.

Third, I challenge Mr. Curtis's evaluation of the new Family Visiting Program at Millhaven Penitentiary. He neglected to mention to his foreign social-control-agent visitor that the program has caused major conflict within the pen, between guards and administration, guards and



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prisoners, and among prisoners. Nor that the program has been boycotted by several groups within the institution, most notably the Odyssey Prisoners' Rights Group. Also, only an astounding 12 or so men out of about 200 are even eligible for the program, and many of these refuse to take part in it.

The reason for these reactions is that rather than being a positive, constructive, reintegrative program Family Visiting has proven, as predicted, to be a powerful control manoeuvre by penal authorities. It seeks to prostitute wives and other relatives by demanding the passivity and zombiism of prisoners in exchange for their wives' company.

This program was first instituted at Millhaven to complement the Special Handling Unit as a threat against prisoner activism; other Canadian prisons use Millhaven itself as threatened punishment. In combination with Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan's extension of the criteria by which prisoners can be sent to the unit, the coercive Family Visiting Program acts (or was intended to act) as a powerful deterrent to the voicing of dissatisfaction with Millhaven practices.

The prison, like all institutions, seeks to defend itself from criticism. Predictably, both the Family Visiting Program and the broader criteria for entrance into the Special Handling Unit followed hot on the heels of the wave of dissent from Millhaven prisoners in late '80 and early '81. Both the family program and the special unit serve to bribe these men, and to incite greater unrest for which they can be segregated from the rest of the prison population.

The Family Visiting Program is a social device to which a handful of men (understandably) acquiesce but to which the majority have voiced dissent—conveniently for an administration which wants to legitimize its repressive and punitive treatment of prison activist.

The hypocrisy of the Canadian Penitentiary Service is blatant. Mr. Curtis's liberal-humanitarian facade can no longer be attributed to naivete; indeed, his domestic and international speaking of misinformation can only be labelled popular fraud.

—from Kingston Whig-Standard

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#### THE BEST FIRM

Walter G. Doty

A pretty good firm is "Watch & Waite,"  
And another is "Attit, Early & Layte";  
And still another is "Doo & Dairit";  
But the best is probably "Grimm & Barrett."

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MILLHAVEN

by Don Tyler

Moons don't shine where I come from,  
Nor do singers sing or hummers hum,  
Trees are rare and so are dear skies,  
And many are times when grown men cry.

Laughter if ever is always forced,  
And you never see men on a horse,  
Babies and ladies are never around,  
And sometimes dead bodies are sought and found.

Guns are there to be pointed at you,  
Have you ever enjoyed supper with a 12 gauge?  
Do you know sheer terror to control,  
As your leg burns in a dark dank hole.

Then free you are made to go and see,  
But let me tell you, you are never free,  
For society a label they do give,  
If you manage to continue and live.

Chances are once you are released,  
You'll be forced to pick up a piece,  
And if you don't you may learn,  
That the screws will kill you as you burn.

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RESUME

Dorothy Parker

Razors pain you  
Guns aren't lawful  
Nooses give  
Rivers are damp  
Acids stain you  
And drugs cause cramp.  
Gas smells awful  
You might as well live.

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## FREEDOM

In this issue of the Tocsin, I'd like to say a few words about FREEDOM. Every person in prison places a high degree of importance on freedom, and for good reason. Prisoners have lost the freedom to make such mundane decisions as, what they will wear, when they will rise, eat, bathe & sleep, when they will commune with their loved ones, and with whom they will communicate. These freedoms, taken for granted on the outside, become very important once a person is incarcerated. In most cases, the struggle to regain this lost freedom is top priority in the lives of those who are imprisoned. It is the first thought in the morning and the last before the eyes close in sleep at night.

But, I'd like to take a moment to speak to you of another kind of freedom; to my mind, the most important freedom; the kind of freedom that comes from inside an individual and which is brought about as a result of knowing that everything is okay between yourself and God.

For the first 26 years of my life, apart from my childhood, I never knew the true meaning of freedom. At the age of 26, I was considered to be successful, with a growing business (as well as a full time job with Ford Motor Co.), two small homes, two cars, a motorcycle, a beautiful wife and son, no money problems, lots of partying etc., and women on the side. And everything seemed alright as long as I was busy with these things. But, when I was alone or not busy, or sometimes, first thing in the morning, I'd find myself asking the question, "What can I do today, to make life worth living? What can I do today to put some excitement in my life, to get the adrenalin flowing?" There seemed to be something missing from my life. I wasn't satisfied. I wasn't free to be happy and to feel good about myself. I tried to escape in the plastic world of drugs, which was okay until the drugs wore off and the real world came into view again.

But to make a long story short, as a result of my lifestyle, I checked out of the fast lane, and got towed to the police garage (prison) for the next 10 years to life. Now, not only wasn't I free inside, but I'd lost the basic freedoms of every day life.

Well, being sidelined gave me an opportunity to assess my life up to that point. The past had some high points, but it hadn't been all that great. The present was hell, and there didn't seem to be much sense in thinking about the future. I wasn't even sure I had a future. The thought came to me that there had to be something more to life than the merry-go-round I'd been on.

As a child I'd been raised in a Christian home and went to church and Sunday School weekly, but in my early teens had decided that church & God wasn't what I was looking for. But laying there in a cell corridor, with no place to go, nothing to do, and feeling six cents short of a nickel, I was ready to try anything if it would help me feel any better. My plan



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wasn't to make any deals or commitments, because at that point, I wasn't even sure there was a God. So I figured I'd just ask for something and see if I got an answer. If I did get an answer, we'd talk commitment later, maybe. Well, what I needed most at that moment was some peace, so that's what I asked for and that's what I got, almost immediately. Hey, I didn't feel like a million bucks or anything, but I did feel a lot better than before I'd asked.

That evening, just after lights-out, I got down to business with God. The way I figured it, if He was hearing and answering requests from clowns like me, then what was He doing for those people who were always praying to Him? So I made a pact with God that night. I told Him I'd been running the show for 26 years, and asked Him to forgive me for blowing it. I told Him He could run things in my life from now on. I figured I was coming out on top in this deal and He was getting the short end of the stick. Besides, I had nothing to lose. We talked for about an hour I guess, then I went to sleep. When I woke up in the morning, I wasn't ready for the change inside of me. I felt really good. In fact, I felt brand new. I looked in the metal mirror in the shower room and didn't feel like throwing up for a change. I felt good about getting things straight between God and I. But one feeling stood out from the rest, and that was the feeling that no matter what happened from here on, I just knew everything was going to be alright. Here I was, on my way to the pen for what could be the rest of my life, and I was at peace about it. That was August 31, 1977. I still have that same peace. I still have the same freedom inside; the freedom to be me, to be who I really am; the freedom to be what God intended me to be.

Friend, I want you to know that that same freedom can be yours. It's free for the asking, and it can't ever be taken from you. People letting you down and trying to do you in, the system playing with your head, circumstances bringing grief on you etc. can't rob you of this freedom you carry around inside of you when everything is alright between you and God! I've got to tell you though, your problems won't necessarily go away, but you'll have a whole new attitude toward them and they won't seem nearly as monstrous as they once did.

The freedom I have today, and the freedom that's available to you simply by asking for it, is far more important and valuable to me than the freedom I had before I was imprisoned. But of course, the ultimate goal, is to take the freedom inside, outside, for good. THAT'S TOTAL FREEDOM!

In closing let me say this: if you are tired of being imprisoned by feelings of bitterness, anger, fear and frustration, then check out what I'm saying. It won't cost you any money, and if you find you don't like it or you get tired of living above your problems, you can always go back to whatever it was you were doing before to cope with life, behind the walls or outside of them. JOHN 8:36 IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED!



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Many thanks once again, to the editor of the Tocsin for making this space available for religious news and views. Next issue we'll bring you up to date on some of the results of the live T.V. broadcast from 100 Huntley Street, as well as the progress of Gospelfest/82.

Sincerely,

Daryl Gellner - President  
F.G.B.M.F.I.  
The Bay Chapter

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## THE NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

As time passes by us with barely a backwards glance, it is time we re-discover our main priority. That is the continuance of the native 'Way of Life', the ways of our ancestors have almost disappeared, wandering without any place to rest and no one to teach. In order that these very ways of our people are protected we must educate our children, for they will be here after us and they must know the ways, or they too will die.

Cultural genocide are rather harsh words to be used in describing the government of a democratic country's way of dealing with their aboriginal peoples, there is no other words to be used for these federal people who have attempted to annihilate my people through diseases, inter-tribal war-fare, and out-right slaughter. The governments pet word of the 'sixties' was "Assimilation", thats right, they decided if they could not destroy us by using old concepts of subjugation they would destroy us by making us forget the old ways, and following their ways.

It did'nt work, for even today there is an up-swing of people wanting to learn the ways of our people, and they are learning and becoming better people for it. In the past right up to 1950 it was punishable by a five year prison term for any person of native ancestry to practise any of the religious ceremonies, for 66 years my people had to hide their way. Religious and spiritual leaders had no one to teach for the people were scared of prison, rightly so because even today in the times of constitutional debating the religious needs of natives in the federal system are not being met.

The leaders of the churches of Canada have publicly stated that our religious rights, which are really not rights, but a 'way of life', that is significant in our nations of people must be insured for we too are citizens of this land and are protected as the same as any-one else. We are not asking for any-more than any other citizen of this country. We only ask the right to practice our way of life, not only for equality and betterment of the native people, but for all of Canada, for we are all brothers in the eyes of the great creator, so let us live in his way.

In Unity of our People,  
Mitchel Staats

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A society of sheep must in time beget a government of wolves.

-Bertrand de Jouvenel

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## HELP

### The Roamer Project

This is a pilot project that was successfully completed on a trial run basis by Tony McGilvary and his field worker Bob McKend on the 25 and 26th of January 1982.

The idea behind the 'Roamer Project' is to meet prisoners at the door of the specific institution he is being released from, and continue assistance until the ex-con has a place to sleep, money enough, and has made some effort with finding a job.

If this project is approved, 9 institutions in the Kingston Area will be involved. I talked with Tony personally, and I found him to be a warm but straight from the hip-sort of a guy. He is pushing out all the stops for the project to go through. By the way Tony is an ex-con who has been through the ropes, and when he starts something-he goes all the way!

Good Luck Tony - We're behind you a 100%

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### FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

The following is the 1982 schedule of trips to the FEDERAL Institutions.

March 26 - 28, 1982

May 15 - 17, 1982

June 25 - 27, 1982

August 27 - 29, 1982

October 22 - 24, 1982

December 17 - 19, 1982

Potential passengers will continue to be informed of each trip one month in advance. Individuals wishing to reserve a space on the van are asked to call the agency.

The above schedule may be altered only if the number of passengers for any trip is less than 6. In that case, a trip may be cancelled. Passengers will be notified of the cancellation.

If there are any questions in regard to the Transportation Program, do not hesitate to call - 252-3461. This is a service provided by the John Howard Society of Windsor-Essex County, 635 Quellerie Ave. Rm. 203  
Executive Director Wm. A. Sparks Windsor, Ontario N9A 4J4



"WHY IS IT"

by Serge J. LeClair

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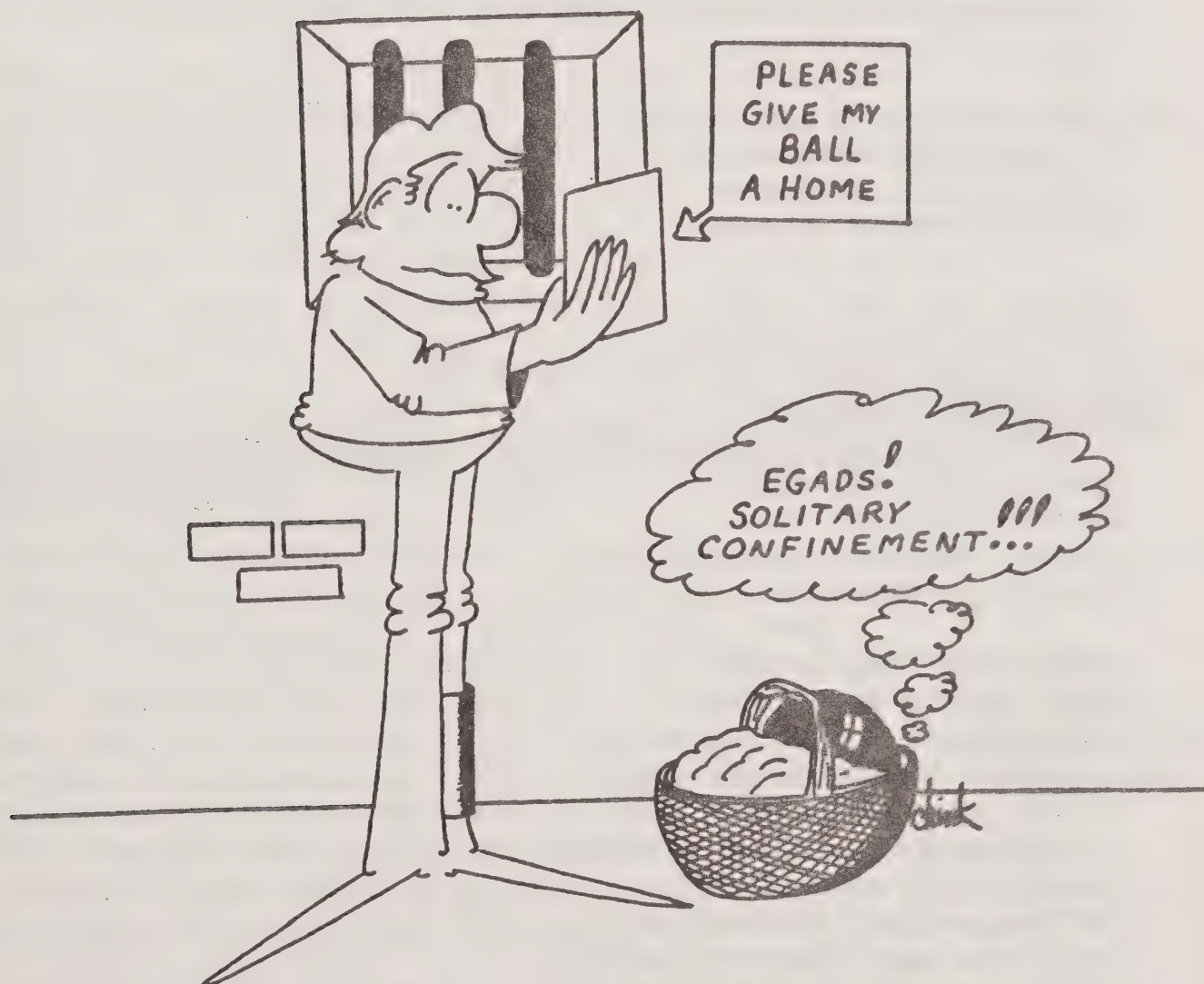


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By: H.S.O..  
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## KNUCKLES





THOUGHT'S OF A VOLUNTEER

by Sandra Cantalon

I sit beside the rebel  
His anger it is real  
I become more frightened  
As I listen to his spiel

I wonder what I'm doing here  
This does not fit with me  
But, maybe if I stay awhile  
I'll learn to really "see".

Yes, I hear them talking  
I hear them loud and strong  
The things that they are saying  
Touch my sense of wrong

I do not know their torment  
I cannot feel their pain  
But as I listen longer  
I wonder "Who's insane?"

Who are the ones locked up in here,  
With time upon their minds?  
Who are these prisoners captured here,  
Rejected by mankind?

Another con approaches  
He wears a timid grin  
He says "Here is my family,  
This photo Just came in."

Then I meet the Iceman  
God, does he look grim.  
But should I try to touch him  
His hopes they seem so dim.

By now my thoughts are restless  
Emotions all astir  
The Man arrives to fetch us  
From this world behind the door.

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## IS THIS REHABILITATION

Another rehabilitated con has left one of our fine institutions for criminal reform. Unfortunately, he has gone out on Mandatory Supervision. Let me explain a little of this individuals games and hardships that he's went through while serving out his full sentence.

First of all, I'll refer to my friend as Bob. There's no way that Bob could be described as a hardended criminal or a 'criminal' for that matter. Bob's crime was one that resulted from too much love for his wife, or shall I say a crime of passion. He was a normal married man, who worked for an honest living and was a law abiding citizen.

Unfortunately Bob's marriage went on the rocks and his wife eventually or shall I say prior to their split, got involved with another man. Well Bob couldn't really handle the thought or reality of his wife being with, and in the arms of another man. He felt dissregarded and not wanted.

Bob turned to the bottle, as so many people would-given the same situation. One night after much drink, and constant thought of his wife, he decided to go visit her to see if some sort of reconciliation could be made. When he arrived, his former wife was entertaining a guest. One word led to the next and was followed by an argument. He ended up assaulting the wife and her male companion. He was taken to jail, and charged with two counts of assault.

While in jail, Bob was informed by a jail house lawyer, that being it was his first offence, he'd only receive a fine or a very minimal stint in the local county jail. Poor Bob never seen it coming.

he was leveled with four years. Two years to run consecutively on each charge. First of all, Bob trusted this jail house lawyer who seemed to know what he was talking about, hired no lawyer to represent his case, and now found himself on his way to a faderal penitentiary to serve a four year prison term!

Now the irony of the whole story. Bob comes to the instituion. He adjusts to the best of his abilities in the unwilling situation. After quite some time, Bob does some things that are not quite considered normal by the average individual. But normal enough, that when the institution sends him to another institution for psychological evaluation, Bob is certified to be as normal as the next guy. He spends three months at this intitution and shows no signs of abnormality, or hostility towards anyone, and as a result, is sent back to the federal pen that sent him there to start with.

Yesterday, Bob walked out the door of the federal pen after serving two thirds of his four year term. He has no degrees or occupational trade to speak of, has no ties with anyone on the street , and is more



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or less a new born baby to society. He stood in front of the institution from 8:am at which time he was released, until 3:pm pacing back and forth like a lost soul. Anyone passing by, might have thought that he'd be a likely candidate for the men in white to pick up, as the saying goes. But remember, this man was as normal as the next man walking down the street when he first came to jail. And now, look what a beautiful job of rehabilitation the system has done for him. Or shall I say, to him!

The story of Bob is a factual happening, and I'm sure that there could be many more along the same line. But do you really want to hear of these happenings of such people who some day, might turn out to be you or a member of your family, or even a close friend? I don't think so. I don't believe that there are that many sick minds who enjoy seeing people loose it all like this.

The questions to be answered here are many-

(1) Do the inmates of these institutions really belong here because they are considered animals by society, or does the institutions turn the people into the animals some think they are.

(2) Should the tax-payers money be used for this so called mandatory supervision that an inmate is released on after serving the two-thirds of a sentence, which I might add, he is considered to have paid his debt to society for his crime, and the early release of the sentence is for his good behaviour while in the institution. So by placing him on mandatory, he is actually loosing his good behaviour time. Or should the money be used for other neccessities, such as housing projects, schooling projects and skilled training projects for our children of the future, who will hopefully never have to go through the problems and anguish that we of this generation have gone through and are presentl going through.

Think for one moment, of what you might do, should something happen in your life or one of your loved ones would have to go through what Bob has just went through. Is the present penal system really working like its being claimed, or are we merely housing inmates in warehouses to drain their spirits and brains to be released to society as a further burden in the form of vegetables, and at the taxpayers cost for the now present 'Mandatory Supervision' system.

Mandatory Supervision has but one function, and that is to release the individual only to have him brought back within months from his time of release. Both these cost money, and you the taxpayers pay!! The only solution to save you people the funding that is supplied for mandatory, is to abolish the 'MANATORY SUPERVISIONS PAROLE ACT.' And allow the individual the freedom of the good behaviour time that he has earned while in the system. After all, he or she did earn it!!

by Ed Diakew  
Convict C.B.I.



## A SELF SUFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION

In our country today we face problems such as pollution, acid rain, and so on. Another problem often overlooked is the increase of crime and violence in recent years. There are many reasons for this increase. One is the ineffectiveness of our penal system as an agency of rehabilitation.

To come to the point: the prisoners who will return to society on release from prison is your problem. With unemployment as high as it is now, many employers are reluctant to employ discharged prisoners. We know the outcome of this—more crime and violence.

At this point you may think we have many organizations responsible for or working at making provision for such people. We have a complete penal system, including, police, courts, prisons, parole service, half-way houses, after-care agencies, and so on. In the end, many discharged prisoners are faced with the threat, not necessarily expressed but implied by the facts of their situations, "If you don't get a job and go to work, you are going back to prison." Others, still in prison, are unable to make effective parole plans because they have no work to go to.

We have a proposal for providing relief for people in either of those situations. We call it 'ASSATI'—a self-sufficient alternative to incarceration — a complex, working parole centre (not a prison) where prisoners or parolees who have no other parole plans may volunteer to live while on parole and work in one of several industries.

In 1979 the idea was conceived by a prisoner who had spent some 22 years in prisons. He turned the idea over to a group of prisoners, known as the 'Elders', of Joyceville Institution, near Kingston, Ontario, who debated it at length and decided that it was worth following up. They called in a group of citizens who have studied the proposal for many months and have discussed it with representatives of the penal services and of the federal and provincial governments, as well as other citizens of various backgrounds, examining a number of possible ways of carrying the proposal into effect.

Many other citizens are now becoming involved in the program. Some three hundred inmates of Joyceville Institution have donated over \$1,000.00 which is being held in trust for the project. Donations from other sources are coming in. Office furniture and equipment purchased at a cost of \$10,000.00 has been made available to the committee without charge.

The committee seeks to identify, plan and develop feasible projects designed to further the following purposes:

- (1) To promote and assist in the use of alternatives to imprisonment as sanctions in the penal system.



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- (2) To promote and assist in the release of inmates from imprisonment.
- (3) To promote and assist in the arrangement of suitable employment for persons released from imprisonment or sentenced to other sanctions including employment in the development of conservation of natural resources.
- (4) To conduct research and undertake projects in furtherance of the foregoing and similar objects.
- (5) To co-operate with government departments and public agencies, private enterprises, labour organizations, inmate groups and other non-governmental agencies, and with publicspirited citizens, in furtherance of the foregoing and similar objects.

Letters Patent of the corporation named Alternatives to Incarceration, Inc., with the foregoing objects, without share capital, not operated for profit, have been issued under the Canada Corporations Act, and to seek support from governments and the private sector.

One proposal is to purchase a block of 2500 acres of land, about twenty-seven miles from Kingston, that is available on the market. The land includes one lake and borders on four others. Existing buildings include two farm houses, an old school house, a log house, three older barns and one newer cattle barn, and one steel hanger type building. This year, it is reported, some 50,000 scotch pine seedlings have been planted. These should be ready for harvest for the Christmas tree market in about six years. Meanwhile, they will require pruning and other care. There is standing timber said to be worth \$500,000.00, which could be harvested on a sustained yield basis. Land suitable for pasture and cultivation is also reported. Not many miles away is a peat bog, development of which could provide employment, if satisfactory arrangements could be made. It is hoped that this could be made a self-supporting but non-profit operation providing work for parolees and other ex-prisoners.

As you can see, this is a large undertaking. Our fund raising objective is \$1,000,000.00. At the moment we propose to approach the Federal and Ontario Governments for grants. We would appreciate support from you and your organization in funds and in other participation in our program. We would like to have the support of as many organizations, religious bodies, social groups, corporations and individuals as possible.

We would like to have members of our planning committee meet you or your representatives at your convenience.

H.R.S. Ryan  
Chairman, Citizens  
Committee, ASSATI

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## PRISONS ARE EXPENSIVE FAILURES

by 'Through the Looking Glass'

### The Costs:

Since 1970, the budget of the Canadian Corrections Service has increased by 400%.

The cost of Constructing a single prison cell is \$110,000.

It cost the Canadian taxpayer 50,000 dollars a year to house an adult prisoner.

The Government of Canada plans to spend \$280 million to build 9 new prisons and remodel 9 others. None will be closed. This means an increase of 4,542 cells!

### The Results:

Prisons do not diminish the crime rate. There is no correlation between deterrence and severity of punishment.

Prisons do not rehabilitate. By the type of life they impose on the prisoner, prisons produce delinquents and guarantee recidivism.

Prisons do not protect society. An estimated 85% of all prisoners could be safely released under community supervision, making it possible to provide effective programs for the remaining 15%.

### The Reality

Prisons are a part of a self-perpetuating system. Prisons create jobs for a huge network of people employed in the criminal industry. They provide the excuse for new disciplines such as criminology, penology, forensic psychiatry, and so on.

Prisons serve to define an area of controlled illegality in which the inhabitants can be used to produce drugs, sex, and pornography, or as informers and agents provocateurs.

Almost 80% of those charged with offences are under 25. The unemployment rate for this group is over 15%. There is a clear correlation between unemployment and crime.

### Prison Reform Does Not Work Because It is Not Intended To

Prison reform does not alter the power structures within penal institutions. Prison reform does not reduce the total number of prisoners or the length of their stay in prison.

Prison reform is not based on the concept of community responsibility and concern.

"Alternatives to the punitive system of criminal justice are already being developed, and many more are needed that will empower people to help themselves in constructive and self-fulfilling ways and that will bring about restitution, reconciliation and healing in the community.



### The Alternatives

The prison system creates a heavy economic burden on the taxpayer, but it does not correct the original act of wrong-doing. In fact, imprisonment more often than not contributes to further criminality. A caring community practising non-punitive and restorative programs can offer alternatives for that majority of offenders who are not violent, and who do not constitute a danger to themselves or the community.

### Diversion

Offenders who admit their guilt can be sentenced to community service.

### Restitution

Like bankrupt corporations, offenders should be able to make a settlement. In this way both the victim and the offender would be helped.

### Victim-Offender Reconciliation

This method which brings the offender and the victim together as human beings, and not as stereo-types, has proved highly successful where it has been used.

"The only way to reform the prison system is to dismantle it."

-Instead of Prisons, 1977

"I am sick to death of prisons. I think we have wasted so much of human people...to keep women at his point intime in cells that are only toilets is a completely uncivilized thing.....if something drastic is not done in the near future, we are in for far more trouble."

-Isabel MacNeil  
Former Director  
Kingston Prison  
for Women -1977

### Prisons Do Not Work

Denmark, with 14 million people, has an average prison population of 69.8 per 100,000. The Netherlands, with a population of 3 million, has 22.4 per 100,000.

Canada with a population of 23 million, has an average 95 prisoners per 100,000 and continues to process more and more people through the criminal justice system.

### Capital Punishment Does Not Work

There is no evidence that capital punishment is a deterrent. The rate of murders in Canada decreased in the last year.

### Solitary Confinement Does Not Work

"Diss-association" has been found by the courts to be a cruel and unusual punishment.

In spite of a ruling by the courts, "diss-association" continues to be used as a method of control in Canadian prisons. For Canadians to continue to tolerate this situation is shameful.



IN MEMORY OF CARL HARP

by Benny Washington (BPRU)

I knew a man once  
I did not know him well  
Or for very long  
For three years  
He was on the  
Periphery of my  
Life  
But I knew him  
As well as one  
Man may know another

He was a fighter  
Revolutionary devout  
Anarchist and  
He held his love  
And rage about  
Him as a cloak  
Or waved a  
Streaming banner  
Of struggle refusal  
To bend the knee  
To the fascist  
Bureaucratic tyranny  
And he died as he  
Lived alone and  
Struggling  
Done in by ignorant  
Men  
Minions of that same  
Tyranny

Men who never  
Saw the love  
The concern  
The tenderness  
Of which this man  
Was capable  
And which he  
Showed to those  
He fought for  
And loved

Toward their own  
Egomania  
They beat  
Him called him  
Faggot queer  
Rabblrouser  
They raped  
Him with a nightstick  
These so very macho men  
These tools this salt of  
The earth  
And finally killed him  
They called it suicide

Yet Carl Harp  
Lives  
In the memories  
Of those who loved  
Him  
Those who knew  
His love  
The wife he left behind  
He loved so tenderly  
His comrades  
His friends  
The ones he fought  
For and even those  
He fought

And while his memory  
Lives there is still hope  
Hope that the dream  
He dreamed may  
Yet be realized  
That he did not  
Die in vain for  
his dream was as  
Great as his  
Love and rage

History I give you  
Carl Harp



## THE ODYSSEY

ANDREW LANG

As one that for a weary space has lain  
Lulled by the song of Circe and her wine  
In gardens near the pale of Proserpine,  
Where that Aeaean isle forgets the main,  
And only the low lutes of love complain,  
And only shadows of wan lovers pine,  
As such an one were glad to know the brine  
Salt on his lips, and the large air again,—  
So gladly, from the songs of modern speech  
Men turn, and see the stars, and feel the free  
Shrill wind beyond the close of heavy flowers,  
And through the music of the languid hours,  
They hear like ocean on a western beach  
The surge and thunder of the Odyssey.

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### ADVICE FROM OLD JUDGE TO YOUNG LAWYER

Judge Joe Baldwin

If you have a strong case in law, talk to the judge. If you have a strong case in fact, talk to the jury. If you have no case in law or fact, talk to the wild elements and bellow like a bull.

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### WE TWO

We two make home of any place we go;  
We two find joy in any kind of weather;  
Or if the earth is clothed in bloom or snow,  
If summer days invite, or bleak winds blow,  
What matters it if we two are together?  
We two, we two, we make our world, our weather.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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## GOOD READING MATERIAL

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1. The abolishment of Mandatory Supervision.
2. The abolishment of all Special Handling Units.
3. The abolishment of twenty five year minimum sentences.
4. Against the construction of new prisons.
5. A more humane prison system.
6. Decent wages.
7. Introduction of prison industries..
8. A more liberal parole program.
9. The introduction of effective Pre-release Programs.
10. Fair and equable sentencing practices.
11. The introduction of alternatives to imprisonment.
12. To make the Public aware of the realities of the  
Criminal Justice, Parole, and Prison systems.
13. To make Bail a right - not a privilege.
14. To fight for prisoners rights.
15. To constantly remind everyone that we are sent to  
prison as punishment - not for punishment.
16. To help all prisoners in whatever way we can.



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